

Researching Heroes and Heroines of the American Revolution

Choose a Revolutionary War hero or heroine from the list on the next page. Use the research outline below to learn everything you can about this person. Use encyclopedias, almanacs, biographies, the Internet, and other sources of information to find out important dates and information about his or her personal life. Become familiar with your hero's or heroine's accomplishments.

Take notes, and write down the basic facts in an organized way, such as noted in the outline below. See Writing a Report (page 64) for research reminders.

I. Youth

- A. Birth place and date
- B. Home life and experiences
- C. Schooling (if any)
- D. Childhood heroes
- E. Interesting facts or stories about the person's youth

II. Revolutionary War Experiences

A. Reasons for independence

1. Why your person disliked Great Britain
2. Influential people in his or her life
3. Your hero's personal arguments for freedom

B. Participation in the rebellion

1. Battles fought or positions held
2. Important things done before the war
3. Important things done during the war
4. Adventures and experiences before and during the war
5. Friends and companions

C. Lifestyle and personal habits

1. Values he or she believed in
2. Was your hero a risk-taker or cautious? (give examples)
3. Personal behavior (cruel, kind, honest, etc.)
4. Leadership experiences
5. Physical abilities and disabilities (illnesses, physical problems)

III. Death

- A. Date of death
- B. Age at death
- C. Cause of death (facts about the death)